

NEXT DRAFT TAKES 105 IONIA COUNTY MEN

**MORE LOCAL BOYS AMONG
NUMBER WHO GO TO JOIN
THE GREAT RANKS.**

County Clerk George W. Moulton was in the city Tuesday morning and gave us a list of names of the 105 men who are to go to Camp Custer during the five day period commencing July 22. The list includes quite a number of men from Belling and vicinity and practically exhausts Class I of the first draft in this county, only 80 more men being left in this class.

The list is as follows:
111—Roy Harrison Townsend, Clarksville.
365—Claude Jackson, Clarksville.
466A—Sherman Ellsworth Moore, Belling.

482—Orval Donnel Backus, Belling.
629—Vaughn Ed. Goodmoot, Portland.

735A—John Charles Darling, Ionia.
843—Orva C. Beach, Palo.
879—Geo. Paul King, Belling.
1266—Floyd Obed Ackerson, Lake Odessa.

1304—Arthur Ray Campbell, Shiloh.
1451A—Howard Stanley Stackus, Belling.

1518—Emil William Hass, Ionia.
1765—Albin Peter Rademacher, Portland.

1791—Fred Rier, Shiloh.
1815—William K. Townsend, Clarksville.

1922A—Geo. Henry Bishop, Ionia.
1943—Harold Moulton Caldwell, Belling.

2109—Joseph Leo Wagner, Ionia.
2141—Claude G. Cave, Lake Odessa.
2142—Floyd Russell, Smyrna.

2049—Gideon Henry Diamon, Saranac.
2168—Casper J. Funky, Ionia.
2172—Albie Herman Smith, Lake Odessa.

2173—Sylvester John Dutcher, Belling.
2174—Geo. Edward Huffman, Portland.

2180—Owen DeForest Phelps, Spar-ta.
2181—Louis Magee, Ionia.
2223—Alden Shays Haysmer, Grand Rapids.

2231—Clad H. Smith, Muir.
2233—Oscar Carlton Cassel, Portland.
2248—Bruno Verheye, South Bend, Ind.

2249—William Robt. Ward, Portland.
2261—Reuben Tingley, Lake Odessa.
2265—Lyle Harold Wallace, Portland.

2266—Frank DeRose, Lake Odessa.
2271—Louis Butler, Ionia.
2274—Jerry Frank Jacobs, Ionia.

2291—John Michael Welsh, Muir.
2310—Fred Castle, Ionia.
2312—Albert Miller, Pawamo.

2338—Mathias Miller, Pawamo.
2340—Edwin M. Davis, Shiloh.
2345—Floyd Martin, Belling.

2351—Stanley Sawyer, Palo.
2368A—Ralph Montgomery, Ionia.
2388—Montie Morris Bowen, Lyons.

2412—Jim Felice, Pontiac.
2417—Oral Tyler Reed, Mather-ton.
2420—Vern St. Clair Braden, Milwaukee.

2433—Cecil R. Rider, Ionia.
2438—Louis Modell, Ionia.
2442—Samuel James Berry, Belling.

2454—Ernest Clair McIntosh, Belling.
2458—Charley E. Nonnenmacher, Portland.

2476—Albert James Micks, Ionia.
2478—James W. Cushing, Ionia.
2481—Eddy A. Kotesky, Lowell.

2487—Clarence J. Bare, Lake Odessa.
2524—William M. Kane, Ionia.

2513—Elmer E. Stanton, Ionia.
2516—Robert Lynn, Ionia.
2536—Bernard Cationi, Ionia.

2533—Frederick C. Begerow, Lake Odessa.
2490—Glenn Fox, Belling.
2510—Clarence M. Higgins, Portland.

171—Dewey William Randall, Muir.
150—Ross Trann, Portland.
142—Clyde Miller, Belling.

408—Alton Chickering, Belling.
427—Frank Charles MacTavish, Saranac.

453—Charlie Adolph Bierman, Clarksville.
478—Elzie Soule, Portland.
493—John Walfrid Allanson, Ionia.

513—Owen Ensign Ferguson, Clarksville.
525—Grant Washington Higgins, Saranac.
229—Vernon Ezekiel Downing, Lake Odessa.

593—Clarence H. Lehman, Ionia.
563—Nelson Curtis, Belling.
591—Harry Lehman, Ionia.

611—Francis Boger, Ionia.
657—Julius J. Peterson, Ionia.
660—Ernest Simmon, Pawamo.

681—Frank W. Boyd, Saranac.
683—Clyde Hiar, Sunfield.
699—Earl Owen Church, Clarksville.

739—Robert Fred Barger, Saranac.
748—Elmer Gupitli, Orleans.
759—Fred Vanderburg, Portland.

768—Howard Hunt, Ionia.
784—Perry S. Trowbridge, Clarksville.
806—Joseph B. Reist, Ionia.

841—Bernie John Somers, Ionia.
861—James Z. Sweet, Lowell.
872—John James Reilly, Portland.

906—Fred Lehman, Ionia.
944—Louis Trivier, Lyons.
880—John Krupp, Belling.

883—Ray Osborn, Lowell.
910—Theron Sweet Cahoon, Saranac.
911—Ray Coral Bryant, Clarksville.

913—Michael Thomas Kennedy, Belling.
948—Elmer Petersen, Ionia.
809—Archie Lyle Gorham, Lake Odessa.

502—Henry Kyle Crawford, Ionia.
Elmer Kingsbury of Camp Custer spent the Fourth at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kingsbury.

Birthday Surprise.

A birthday surprise was given Albert Rich at his home Sunday in Fairplains township when his brothers, Geo. Rich and family of Fenwick and Colun Rich of Sheridan and his three sons, Arthur R. and family of Fairplains township, Vern Rich and family of Orleans and Leon Rich of Belling met to celebrate Albert's 62nd birthday. Covers were laid for 23 and all did justice to a fine chicken dinner prepared by Mrs. Rich. After dinner ice cream and cake were also served. His sons presented him with a watch. He also received many other nice presents. The afternoon was spent in music and visiting and at a late hour all departed wishing him many returns of the day. Albert says he must admit he can be surprised. All the family were present except Bertie Rich who is somewhere in France, and Mrs. R. D. Shybaugh and family of Mason City, Iowa.

OAKLAND PASTOR TAKES LOCAL GIRL FOR HIS BRIDE

**DAUGHTER OF REV. AND MRS.
W. A. BISS WEDS PRESBYTER-
IAN PASTOR OF OAKLAND.**

A very pretty wedding took place at the Baptist parsonage on Wednesday at 4 o'clock p. m., July 3, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Genevieve Biss to the Rev. Andrew Lowry of Oakland, Illinois.

Miss Biss is a graduate of the Hoopston, Ill., high school and has studied in Wesleyan college and at Normal school in Normal, Ill. She has been in high school work for several years, teaching Latin and German.

Mr. Lowry is a graduate of Lafayette college in Pennsylvania and of McCormick Theological seminary in Chicago and is pastor of the Presbyterian church in Oakland, Ill. If the old adage be true, "Happy is the bride the sun shines upon," Miss Biss has nothing but brightness ahead for the day was perfect, so that the guests spent much of the time on the shady lawn.

The ceremony was performed in the parlor which was a bower of ferns and lilies artistically arranged.

Mrs. Luther Berry sang "Oh Promise Me," in her usual pleasing manner, accompanied at the piano by Miss Alice Biss.

With the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march the bridal party appeared. Miss Edna Biss acted as bridesmaid, Lieutenant Walter Biss was best man. The bride was charmingly attired in white with a bridal veil and orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of roses and swansons.

Rev. W. A. Biss, father of the bride, was the officiating clergyman, using the simple and impressive double ring service.

After the ceremony Miss Alice Biss played Mendelssohn's wedding march. In the dining room a delicious two course luncheon was served by the Misses Neva Coon, Lila Mosher, Blanche and Edith Glass and Alice Biss. A dainty color scheme in pink and white was carried out both in the refreshments and in the floral arrangements.

There were a goodly number of handsome and useful wedding gifts, including several Liberty bonds.

The guests from out of town were Lieutenant Walter Biss of Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, Miss Lottie Bender of Kalamazoo and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kempf of Imlay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowry left on the 8 p. m. train for a trip through the east, visiting Mr. Lowry's parents, in Pennsylvania, besides going to other points. They will be at home in Oakland, Ill., on Aug. 1.

Many friends gathered at the station to shower the happy couple with confetti and good wishes.

Mrs. Lowry has made many friends during her vacations spent here, who will miss her greatly.

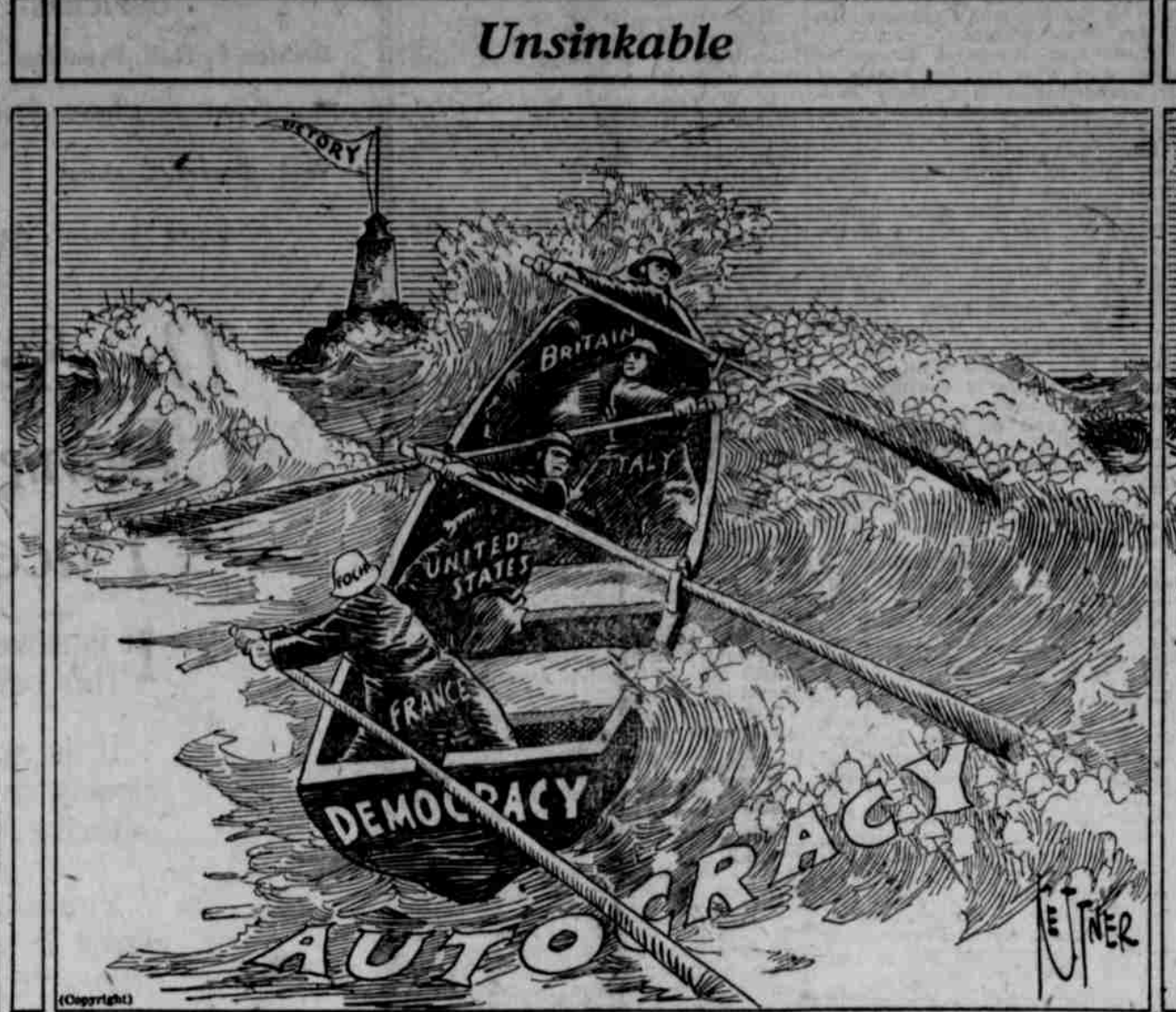
They Took Some Pictures.
Fred Meade and his brother Ned, the latter from Kirkwood, Mo., went up the river in a canoe Monday on an outing trip. Before leaving, they took, in glorious word-pictures of the scenic beauty of Flat river's shores and promised to show their friends some fine photographs of the scenery up river on their return. Well, the boys had a splendid trip and took some pictures and then that naughty canoe—why it just acted terrible and as a result, boys, kodak pictures and all were at the bottom of the river. While they were in no great danger of drowning, the boys got just as wet as if they would have drowned and had some job locating the kodak and drying it out. Fred says the river is just as wet as an anti-prohibition platform but that he prefers taking his baths at home in the old tub.

Boys Were Discharged.
John Wilson returned Tuesday morning from Camp Custer, where he had been for the past two weeks awaiting his discharge papers which had been sent to Washington, and which had to be returned before he could be discharged. Ren Barker, Wm. Case and George Schmitzer were the other boys who left here with the June 26th contingent for the Battle Creek cantonment and who were discharged as physically unfit for service. Some of the causes were asthmatic troubles, some heart trouble and other causes. While having been discharged, the boys are still fit for limited service and are subject to a call along those lines at any time the government authorities in army matters see fit to call them.

BUY W. S. S.
City Treasurer's Notice.
I will be at the city hall on and after Friday, July 5 to receive taxes. The office will be open every afternoon and evening.

Wm. E. Fisher,
City Treasurer.

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YOUNG SAMUEL SKELLENGER WENT DOWN WITH CYCLOPS

**MYSTERIOUS 'DISAPPEARANCE
OF SHIP MAY NEVER
BE KNOWN.**

Mrs. Martha ("Grandma") Skellenger has recently received notice that her grandson, Samuel Skellenger, a sailor in the United States navy, had been officially listed as dead. He was a sailor on the ill-fated collier Cyclops, which has been given up as lost by the naval authorities.

Samuel Skellenger was born at Smyrna Aug. 31, 1893 and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Skellenger, formerly residents of that place. After a time he removed from Smyrna and was married. Later on he moved to Indiana and when war broke out he enlisted.

He was placed on the U. S. collier Cyclops and wrote home to his wife, mother and other relatives frequently. His last letter bore the Buenos Aires postmark and was dated Feb. 6, 1918. The collier left the West Indies, March 4 with a crew of 295 men. According to her schedule she should have touched at an Atlantic port March 13, but instead, no word, sign or trace of her has been received by the government or any other office since. It may never be learned what happened to the big ship. She may be a prisoner in some German port, she may have turned turtle and sank with every soul on board of her, she may have been submerged or blown up with enemy bombs and her gallant crew slaughtered or captured, or she may have foundered in one of the many and frequent tropical gales. No wireless message, no wreckage or other evidence of the ship's fate was ever found and the failure of the big boat to show up at an Atlantic port on March 13 or a few days later makes it one of the ocean's many mysterious secrets.

The government, through the navy department, continued to search for signs of the ship for months and has evidently finally given up hopes and given the ship and her crew up as lost and recently notified relatives and next of kin of all sailors on board that the crew is listed as dead.

Skellenger will be remembered by many local people and also in the vicinity of Smyrna. He is a grandson of Mrs. Martha Skellenger and a nephew of Mrs. Jay Hubbard of North Bridge street.

Very Good Berries.
Vern Lawd brought the editor in a fine luscious box of red raspberries the other day and they were so nice looking that we placed them under careful guard until we got a chance to remove them to a place of safety—home. We always remember the time that another friend brought in a box of fine berries for the editor's personal use and the office help helped themselves so often that when we got back in from out on the street, there remained nothing but the box container and the hulls of the fruit.

Sorghum Mill Arrived.
John J. Spriggs and the men who are associated with him in the promotion of the sorghum syrup factory, tell us that the mill for crushing the sorghum cane and manufacturing the syrup has at last arrived and is now installed in the factory on South Bridge street and will be ready to be started up just as soon as the season opens up for the manufacture of syrup this fall when the cane is ready.

Home Guards Attention.
On Saturday evening, July 13, there will be a special meeting of the Home Guards of this city for the purpose of considering reorganization and devising ways and means of obtaining equipment. This is a very vital meeting and every member is requested to be present at 7:30 sharp at the armory.

Capt. I. L. Hubbard,
Commanding Co. 30 T.M. S.

A misfit truth is the worst of all lies.

Wm. E. Fisher,
City Treasurer.

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Red Cross Notes.

Germany now has 27 prison camps where American soldiers captured in battle are held.

The American Red Cross has accurate information about these camps and with the aid of the Swiss Red Cross keeps our soldiers and sailors supplied with nourishing food, new clothing, soap and other necessities.

At the beginning of June there were about 300 men in uniform in German prison camps. The American troops have captured considerably more than 1,000 Germans, so the score is more than even in that respect.

In Berne, Switzerland, the American Red Cross has a great warehouse from which is sent to each American prisoner in Germany 20 pounds of food every week. Our government pays for this food and equipment and the Red Cross sees that it reaches the men.

Already there are enough supplies in the Red Cross warehouse at Berne to take care of 22,000 American prisoners—if the Germans can take that number.

**DEATH TAKES A WELL
KNOWN GRATTAN MAN**

Edward P. Nash, one of the well-known and highly respected farmers of Grattan township, passed away at his late home, July 3, at the age of 72 years, after a lingering illness which had affected him for some time.

A widow, three sons, four grandchildren and a sister survive.

Rev. H. S. Ellis officiated at the funeral services the burial taking place at Ashley cemetery.

The Grange of which he was an active member, attended in a body.

Edward P. Nash was born in Livingston county, N. Y., Feb. 27, 1846. He came to Michigan with his parents in 1857, locating in Oakland county. In 1879 the family moved to the farm in Grattan township, Kent county, where he resided at the time of his death.

In January, 1883, he married Maria E. Purty and to this union three children were born, Claude L., of Coldwater, Mich.; Earl P. of Otisco, Ionia county, and John E., who resides at the old homestead.

In 1899 Mr. Nash was elected to represent the Third district of Kent county in the state legislature, which office he held for two terms. He was also a member of Grattan Grange, Silver Greys, Good Fellowship club and one of the oldest members of the school board.

Notice.
The annual meeting of the F. P. A. for the election of officers will be held at the residence of Francis Slingerland, 416 Lew's street, July 13, at 8 p. m.—Adv.

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MIRIAM HOLY NAME SOCIETY ENJOYS A PICNIC

**MEMBERS OF BELLING SOCIETY
ACCEPT—FR. MCARTHY DEL-
IVERS STIRRING ADDRESS.**

Sunday, July 7, 1918, will long be remembered by the men of St. Mary's parish, Miriam, as a great day in the history of that church for on that day the parish officially organized a branch of the Holy Name society.

The organization had really been perfected before that, but the formal reception of the candidates occurred Sunday afternoon at 2:30, with Rev. Father McCarthy in charge of the services.

After Father McCarthy gave a splendid talk to the men gathered there, telling of the history and origin of the society, of the many benefits to be derived from membership therein, and finally of the duties devolving upon those who seek to become members of this society, and urged all who might be addicted to the use of profanity and indecent language to make an earnest effort to overcome this habit, which he classed as one of the most loathsome habits to which a person can become addicted, and then Father McCarthy closed his talk with one of his famous patriotic speeches and those who have heard him speak on other occasions know that it was indeed a treat to be present.

After Father McCarthy's address the candidates to the number of 60 were formally received into the society after which the spiritual part of the afternoon's celebration was closed with benediction by Rev. Father Klich, pastor of the parishes at Belling and Miriam.

About 25 of the members of Belling's Holy Name society were present and after the church services were over, all repaired to the ball field where both varieties of the national sport were indulged in but the game of "indoor baseball" seemed to have the most spectators and also the most players. Two teams were picked under the leadership of Father Klich and Ned Meade and while the number of innings and the official score were lost track of early in the game, both teams showed some unusual talent in different plays that were made among the most noticeable being the splendid batting of Father Klich, the sensational catches made in the outfield by Fred Meade of this city, the way Ned Meade pitched the ball across the plate would seem to place him in a class with the professionals, but the final result was caused by the base running of Pat Costello of Belling and Chris Heather and Henry Rittersdorf of Miriam.

At 5 p. m. the call to lunch was heard and that immediately broke up the ball games and the 100 men present stood up to the best "serve-self" lunch that as ever put on a picnic table, at which Ben Shindorf of Miriam and George Engemann of Belling carried off first honors for doing their "bit" towards cleaning the table of eatables.

All in all, it was a most pleasant and profitable meeting, as it helped to more closely cement the bond of friendship which has always existed between the two parishes.

Here is thanking you, Miriam, for the invitation and the good time shown us.

Visited Old Friends.
Five auto loads of Sparta people, 30 in all, Morris Haas, George Dunn, John Murray, Will Powers, Nelson Shaw, Lem Cushman and their families drove over Sunday and enjoyed a picnic dinner and all day visit with Mrs. Estella Finch and daughter, Mrs. Ed. C. Driese, former neighbors of the Sparta people at that place. It was planned on getting all the rest of the Spartans now living in this city to take part in the gathering but on looking it up it was found that they had driven over to Sparta to spend the day there. Everybody had a very good time.

Remains Were Shipped Away.
The remains of Sam Waterman were shipped to Boston, Mass., by express on the Tuesday noon train and they will be buried there by the side of his wife, who died some years ago.

"Buddy" Broke His Arm.
James (Buddy) Gaunt, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaunt, fell, while swinging on a rope Tuesday night and in falling struck so that he broke his right fore arm to a bad place. Buddy and some of the other small boys in the neighborhood had been playing "war" and he was taking the part of the aviation corps in the army which was being sent against the Kaiser, when some thing gave way and the airman was precipitated to the ground. He was taken to the Belling hospital and Dr. E. W. Little reduced the fracture and made the little man as comfortable as possible. In all war games which are being played in Buddy's neighborhood now, he is taking the part of the wounded and convalescent soldiers.

Our Warriors Write of Life in Trench and Camp

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM BOYS WHO HAVE GONE TO GET WAR-MAD AUTOCRATS.

The boys at the front have sent a nice bunch of letters home again which the Banner-News is indeed glad to publish and which its readers will be glad to read.

The first one is from Floyd Pierson, son of Mr. Florence West and is made up of several letters written to his mother and sister. It is as follows:

Over Here in France, May 23, 1918. My Dear Mother and Sister:

I wrote you but a day or so ago but will now write again. We are having the swellest weather now; hope you are; you ask if I couldn't receive a package by express; no, not over here. I don't need anything any way. The government furnishes us everything we need. No, I never received a card from John Grimm. Why don't Floyd write? They must have some time between them and the Ford. I don't care if the paper did publish my letter, only there are some things that wouldn't sound right to publish. I'll bet the flag is nice you have in the lodge. Ask Lyle if he knows a fellow by the name of Ivan Greening; he is from Stanton. Tell H. Beckwith to write. I wish Clyde Kayser would write. I always liked him. I would like to see Spot. I know he has a good home. Old Man Kingsbury looks natural in the picture; the pictures are sure fine that you folks sent. You ask how long I thought the war would last yet. Not over a couple of years more. Well I will close, with lots of love and kisses.

Your most loving son and brother, Floyd.

No. 1 Co. 125 Inf. A. P. O. No. 734, A. E. F. via N. Y. May 30, 1918.

My Dear Mother and Sister:

It has been about a week since I wrote last but haven't been where I could write. I received your many letters yesterday. Will answer your questions in the next letter I write. Sis, I received the source from you and thank you very much but you had better hang on to your coin. I am getting along fine. It sure came in good. I received letters from several people in Belling, also one from Mr. Shores; she wrote me a fine letter. You ask if I were on the Somme; no, I'm not. I imagine the French girl writes you some nice letters. I am having a lot of fun here. I am I just got through dinner; had beef-steak, mashed spuds, gravy, bread, coffee, tomatoes and pickles. We eat good over here. Where I am at present, am among the French soldiers. They are a jolly bunch and full of fun. Well I will write more and a long letter soon.

I am as always your most loving, Floyd.

June 3, 1918.

Dear Sis:

Well, here it is June and it doesn't seem possible. This is sure a swell day. I received the papers a day or so ago and there is a lot of news. I like to read the letters the boys write home and mine among them; some class, huh! Yes, I understand about getting an order signed by the captain if there is anything I need. But nothing I need at present. You ask about my weight; don't know, but should judge 140 lbs; haven't seen any scales since I left the U. S. Sis, you better change your mind about being a Red Cross nurse. I had a bunch of letters written but told some things I ought not so they didn't go. Well, I will close with love and best wishes from Floyd.

June 5, 1918.

Dear Folks, Mother and Sister:

I received a couple more of your letters yesterday and always glad to hear from home. Say I don't want you folks to send me any more money. If you do I will send it back. I don't need it but when you send money I always spend all. The \$10 money order had to be sent to Paris to be cashed. We are having the swellest weather now days, only hope it keeps up. You ask me so many questions that I can't answer. You ask how my watch is keeping time; that has gone up long ago. But I hear they are going to issue them. O say, my Liberty bond will be paid for this month. The bank will send it to you. You ask if I were sorry because I enlisted. I should say not. Don't know what makes you think that. I received another letter from Paul Harrington. He is close by, some place but can't write the names (Continued on Page Four)

CLAIM S. R. & CO. USE UNFAIR ME- THODS IN DEALING

**FEDERAL TRADE BODY MAKES
SMALL TOWN MERCHANTS
COMPETITOR QUIT UNFAIR
PRACTICES.**

The Chicago Tribune recently carried the following article which is self-explanatory and which alleges the use of unfair methods in advertising and selling goods by mail. It would be well to bear in mind that a concern which will stoop to underhanded and forbidden methods in one instance will very likely do so in any other instance it sees fit to. The next instance may be an order which you send them.

The article is as follows:
The federal trade commission announced today the issuance of an order forbidding Sears, Roebuck & Co. to continue "unfair methods of competition" in selling sugar below cost and in misrepresenting its teas and coffees.

The practices the company is ordered to cease are:
1.—Circulating catalogues containing advertisements of sugar for sale wherein it is falsely represented that because of large purchasing power and quick moving stock the company is able to sell sugar at a lower price than its competitors.
2.—Selling or offering to sell sugar below cost, through catalogues circulated throughout the country.
3.—Circulating catalogues containing advertisements representing that its competitors do not deal fairly, honestly and justly with their customers.
4.—Circulating catalogues containing advertisements offering its teas for sale in which advertisements it is falsely stated that the company sends a special representative to Japan who personally goes into the tea gardens of that country and personally supervises the picking of the tea.

Circulating catalogues containing advertisements offering coffee for sale in which it is falsely stated that the company purchases all of its coffees directly from the best plantations in the world.

It was admitted that the company has offered sugar for sale at 3 to 4 cents a pound through advertisements in catalogues in which it was represented that the Sears, Roebuck & Co., because of its ability to make large purchases and move its stock quickly was able to sell sugar at a lower price than others could; that such advertisements were false and misleading as the company sold such sugar at less than cost in all cases, and the offer to sell was limited to a definite quantity of sugar and was always made upon the condition that certain other groceries be purchased at the same time and that a sufficient price was received to give a profit on the combined sale.

It was admitted that during the latter half of 1